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#### LOCAL AND OTHERWISE.

Corn chop for sale at the mill.

St. Patrick's day in the morning.

School entertainment on the La Plata tonight.

Jim Laughren was up from Farmington Saturday.

The Durango stage gets in ahead of time now.

Harry Dunning has been on the sick list this week.

Highest cash price paid for wheat at the Aztec mill.

Joe Stenberger is on the rapid road to recovery, so it is stated.

Mrs. Moore Fiede and baby went to Farmington for a short visit Monday.

Many good buildings are going up in Aztec and elsewhere under discussion.

There will be a social hop at Aztec Friday evening, March 24. All invited.

D. M. Freeman has rented the John Berry and Harry Dunning ranches for the coming year.

The Mormon elders will hold services at the school house Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings.

D. J. Craig returned to his home at Farmington this week from a long visit to North Carolina.

C. A. Grommet is enjoying a visit from a brother, who arrived this week from Parsons, Kansas.

Johnny Groves, who spent the winter in Aztec visiting the family of J. A. Palmer, left this week for the mountains.

Parties wanting North Carolina papers to set out this spring, can get them at the experimental station, without expense.

The Fancy Patent flour made by Trew's Standard Roller mills is warranted to be the best in the country. Try it.

The Index editor has been under the weather for several days, a fact which accounts for the lack of news in this week's issue.

Charles McCoy went through town Wednesday with forty head of steers which he was delivering to Tom Chapman at Durango.

J. H. Earle of La Plata, who was unfortunate enough to have his shoulder dislocated recently, was to town Tuesday consulting Dr. Condit.

A number of Aztec folks drove down to Flora Vista yesterday evening to attend religious services. Rev. Wm. Eadie delivered the sermon.

Persons wishing a good square meal or a comfortable bed can be accommodated at Mrs. Knickerbocker's at Aztec. Meals at all hours, 25 cents.

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Attorney Whitehead, Dr. Wrightman, Lee Willett and others from Farmington were in town Tuesday in connection with the Dean case heard that day.

Burt Knickerbocker had one of his feet crushed by a loaded wagon passing over it while he was in Durango last week. It is getting well by degrees.

J. W. Teter was released from custody by the sheriff Wednesday, having given bail in the sum of \$500 as required by Justice Walters. He has returned to his home.

Mr. McNichols, who has been feeding cattle on the Diehl ranch, expects to move his beef steers to the La Plata and his range cattle to the Florida mesa, in a few days.

Ellsworth Wiss of Largo was in town Wednesday. He expects to move his family to Aztec from the San Juan next week and will reside in the house formerly occupied by John Morrison.

County Superintendent Bessett visited the upper Animas valley schools at Cedar Hill this week. He returned to Aztec Tuesday and proceeded on to the La Plata on a visit of inspection of the schools there.

Mrs. W. H. Williams has gone to Durango to select some additional millinery goods. Her stock will comprise complete lines of the latest and most desirable styles, and will be opened to the public upon her return within the next few days.

The first order of job work turned out by the new job press of The Index was for A. W. Shidler of Farmington—a box of envelopes. It was also the first work ever printed on a regulation job or platen press in the county of San Juan. Bring in your orders for stationery.

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W. L. Crawford and Daniel Peart, elders in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, have been holding meetings at the school house this week. They are gentlemanly in deportment and evidently in earnest in their mission and their meetings are decidedly interesting and have been well attended. From Aztec they go to Cedar Hill and from there into Colorado.

### The Entertainment.

The programme rendered at the entertainment arranged by Mr. C. A. Grommet and given in Aztec last Friday evening, was apparently a pleasing one to the fairly large audience that gathered in Lobato's hall to listen to it. The younger pupils of the Aztec school participated and the first selection of the evening was a song, "Cable Libre," by the class. In preparation for the debate on the Philippine question, Mr. C. H. McHenry was selected as moderator. The question read, "Resolved, That the United States should permanently keep the Philippine islands." Price Walters opened the debate for the negative, followed by Granville Pendleton and L. C. Grove for the affirmative. Mr. Walters' colleague was not present and Price closed the discussion by a rousing speech against annexation. No judges were appointed and the decision was left to each auditor to ponder over at leisure. Honors were easy.

"Fish and Rattle a Fishin'" was comically rendered, Gregorio Lobato and Willie Palmer taking the parts. Recitations were pleasingly given by Misses Bertha Brewer and Maud Waring. C. A. Grommet read President McKinley's recent speech at Boston concerning the administration's policy in the Philippines, and the exercises closed with "America," prettily sung by Iry Baker, Idella Palmer and Lenna Dunlap.

Congressman Bell, interviewed in Denver last week, had this to say: "The Southern Ute reservation, in which the people of the state are interested, may not be opened for settlement until after May 1. The proclamation calling for the opening was drawn in the land department and filed for April 15, but before I left Washington it had yet to be submitted to two different departments, and while they promised me to get it to the president last week, it is my impression that he did not sign it. It will not until he returns from a vacation with Senator Hanna at his winter home in Thomasville, Ga. As such a proclamation calls for thirty days' time, it may be allowed by May 1 before the settlers will be allowed to enter the reservation."

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#### The Durango Papers.

From the Durango Herald.  
Last Saturday two men rented a team of Wood and Morgan for the purpose, as they said, of going duck hunting on the lower Animas. The same day, J. W. Morgan, who drives the stage, encountered the two, driving the horses at a mad gallop, a little this side of the station about 28 miles from town. He managed to stop them in a narrow draw, compelled the men to get out and help unhitch the horses which were nearly dead from fatigue and thirst, and having fed and rested animals, that is the horses, brought the outfit back. It is likely that an information will be filed against the men either in the district or county court. The fact that they were drunk will not shield them from the consequences of their brutal conduct to the poor dumb beasts.

The Herald is confident Durango will be connected by broad gauge road in the near future. The resources of San Juan county, New Mexico, will soon be fully recognized and this means a southern connection.

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